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SUBJECT: DEATH OF DEPUTY CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR BASHAR

1. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT AIR VICE MARSHAL

M.K. BASHAR, CHIEF OF AIR STAFF AND THE MOST JUNIOR OF THE THREE DEPUTY CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATORS, WAS KILLED THIS MORNING WHEN THE LIGHT PLANE IN WHICH HE WAS MAKING A TEST RIDE OVER DACCA AIRPORT CRASHED. ANOTHER JUNIOR AIR FORCE OFFICER WAS REPORTEDLY ALSO KILLED.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, THE FLIGHT HAD BEEN A SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT IMPULSE ON MARSHAL BASHAR'S PART AFTER HE HAD PAID A CEREMONIAL VISIT TO THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING AND FOUND THAT HE HAD A SPARE HALF-HOUR OR SO BEFORE ATTENDING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SAYEM. ALTHOUGH NOT REGARDED AS A STRONG FORCE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S ADMINISTRATION, THE ATTRACTIVE, ENGAGING, AND UNASSUMING YOUNG MARSHAL WAS WIDELY POPULAR BOTH AMONG AIR FORCE OFFICERS AND OTHERS HERE WHO KNEW HIM.

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